

ORANGE VISITED BY FIERCE FIRE

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ASSISTANCE BROUGHT FROM NEARBY CITIES

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Flames and Conflagration Stop-
ped by Arrival of Charlottes-
ville Fire Company.
Caused by Cat or
Cigarette.

PRACTICALLY the entire business
section of Orange, Va., was de-
stroyed by fire which started
in L. S. Rickett's drug store at
5:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

Fourteen buildings, including the
Baptist Church and three dwellings,
were burned, the total loss being estimated
at from \$200,000 to \$100,000. The exact
amount of insurance is unknown.

Structures destroyed were
Rickett's drug store, Ware & Watts
hardware establishment, two ware-
houses owned by C. A. Gaines, the Har-
low Land Agency, Rawlings' grocery
store, Emil Levy, dry goods; Sol Cohen,
dry goods; Waite & Chevalier, house
furnishings; the Baptist Church and
three dwellings. The names of the
others could not be ascertained.

Flames spread rapidly, took a northerly
course, the entire block being gutted.
The blaze crossed over the railroad
track, taking in the telegraph tower,
and then reaching over to the Chew-
ning store and the Baptist Church. The
dwellings quickly caught.

Messages were sent to Charlottesville,
Fayetteville and Staunton for fire
teams and an engine leaving for
Orange at 8 o'clock. Bucket brigades
had been formed in the meantime, and
the entire population was at work.

When the engine arrived it could get
no water supply, it being necessary
to take water from four or five
Chesapeake and Ohio locomotives.
By 11:30 the fighters had the flames
well under control.

A heavy brick wall checked the
fire. The Baptist Church had just in-
stalled a fine organ at a cost of \$1,700.
The blaze crossed over the railroad
for the first time at the morning service
yesterday.

Cat or Cigarette.
There were two theories as to how
the fire started. One report stated
that it was caused by a cigarette, al-
though it was subsequently said that
a cat, jumping on a table, knocked
over a lamp, which exploded with
serious results.

It was a difficult matter last night
to get full or detailed particulars from
Orange, the telegraph operator at that
point having refused absolutely to ac-
cept a message from The Times-Dis-
patch to a correspondent there. Even
the division officials at Washington
failed to make him take the message.

The telephone wires into Orange were
burned, the facts being secured from
Gordonsville and Charlottesville, some
distance away. The Bank of Orange
was in the danger line, though it es-
caped, earlier reports having indicated
that it was an entire loss.

Special Gets Through.
Late last night the following special
from The Times-Dispatch Correspond-
ent reached the city:

ORANGE, Va., November 8.—Fire
broke out in Rickett's drug store this
morning at 5 o'clock. A strong wind
was blowing north, and soon the whole
block was in flames. Afterwards the
wind changed to the east, and soon all
was in flames.

The fire was not gotten under control
until the Charlottesville Fire Company
arrived, when the fire was checked.
The property destroyed was Rickett's
drug store, a real estate office, Ware
& Watts hardware store, and tobacco
and soft drink house, Levy's dry goods
and clothing store, Cohen's dry goods
and clothing store, J. D. Morris & Son's
grocery, Waite & Chevalier's furniture
store, L. J. Martin's dwelling, the Baptist
Church, John McDonald's dwelling, the
Thompson building and the Southern
Railway Interlocking plant.

The total loss will be \$100,000, with
very light insurance. The loss of the
Baptist Church was a great blow. The
Ladies' Aid Society had just placed
in the church a new organ at an ex-
pense of \$1,500, which had been in-
stalled only one week.

D. OF C. CONVENTION

Meets in Atlanta on Wednesday—Ad-
dresses to Be Made.

ATLANTA, Ga., November 8.—The
annual convention of the United
Daughters of the Confederacy will
be held in Atlanta this week, be-
ginning a four-day session at Cable
Concert Hall Wednesday morning, pre-
ceded by a meeting of the executive
board on Tuesday evening. The con-
vention will be called to order by
A. M. Wednesday by Mr. Edward G.
Warner, president of the Atlanta Chap-
ter, U. D. C.

Addresses of welcome will be de-
livered by Governor Hoke Smith,
Major General and General Clement A.
Evans, commander-in-chief of the
United Confederate Veterans. These
addresses will be responded to by Mrs.
Cornelia Branch Stone, president-
general of the United Daughters of the
Confederacy, after which the conven-
tion will give consideration to the
regular program.

FIRE IS SPREADING

Summer Cottages in Mountains of Ala-
bama Are Now Threatened.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., November 8.—
Dispatches from Huntsville, Ala., say
that all efforts to extinguish the forest
fires on Monte Sano, which have been
burning for a week, have failed,
and a number of summer cottages on
the mountain are now threatened.

Messages from Athens, Ala., state
that the fires are also raging in the
northern part of Limestone county,
and that much the timber has been
destroyed.

BLEW BRAINS OUT

Wealthy Louisville Man Was Despon-
dent Over a Nervous Affliction.

NEW YORK, November 8.—Wal-
worth H. Tappan, well-known in the
iron and steel trade of the South and
Middle West, and who lived in Louis-
ville, Ky., blew his brains out to-night
in the wash room of the Hotel Savoy,
a Fifth Avenue hostelry. The report
of the shot was heard throughout the
lower part of the hotel, and created
great excitement.

Despondency over a nervous afflic-
tion, which was constantly growing
worse, is given by his wife as the
cause of Tappan's rash act.

Tappan, a few years ago was in the
iron and steel business in Kentucky.
Three years ago he sold his interest
there and became attached to the trav-
eling staff of the Chicago firm of
Crane & Co., who are in the iron and
steel business. It was quickly estab-
lished that Tappan's suicide was not
caused by financial difficulties, as Tappan
had recently made profitable stock
investments, and his friends told the
police that he had always received a
large salary.

Mrs. Tappan told the police that a
few weeks ago Tappan secured a long
leave of absence from the firm with
which he was connected, and came here
to undergo a course of treatment for
the nervous disease which made him
despondent. Tappan and his wife
stopped at the Hotel Belmont until
last Saturday, when rooms were taken
in a boarding house. Tappan was not
registered at the Hotel Savoy, and it
is believed he walked into the place
when he determined to kill himself.

"I feared Mr. Tappan might at-
tempt to take his life, so I watched
him as closely as I could," said Mrs.
Tappan to the police to-night. "He
was so troubled about his health that
his doctors advised me to remain with
him as much as possible. I dreaded
something of this nature might hap-
pen."

Mrs. Tappan will have the body re-
moved to Louisville for burial.

EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT

Suit to Set Aside Agreement Between
Southern Pacific and Shipper.

NEW ORLEANS, La., November 8.—
In the United States Circuit Court of
Appeals, the Southern Pacific Rail-
road will to-morrow take its first step
to have set aside an order of the In-
terstate Commerce Commission pro-
hibiting the carrying out of a contract
which the railroad company had made
with E. H. Young, of Galveston, Texas.

The order issued by the Interstate
Commerce Commission rescinded the
Southern Pacific Railroad's contract for
the exclusive right to the use of the
cottonseed products wharf of the rail-
road company at Galveston.

Undue preference which amounts to
a discrimination in favor of Young as
cargoes arriving there, and of cotton-
seed meal in the case of the indus-
try of the commission. It was claimed
in the order rescinding the contract
that Young had absolute control of
the cottonseed products export busi-
ness by reason of this exclusive con-
tract, and that he was preventing
other exporters from entering into
competition.

Young's attorney filed a cross bill
asking for a restraining order from
court on the order of rescindment,
and denying all allegations of undue
preference. It is understood that the
Interstate Commerce Commission will
enter a demurrer on the ground that
the court has no jurisdiction.

WILL ASK BAIL

Attorney for Night Riders Will Bring
Another Habeas Corpus.

UNION CITY, TENN., November 8.—
Rice A. Pierce, attorney for the alleged
night riders now in custody, announced
to-day that he would sue out writs of
habeas corpus on Wednesday, asking
for the release of the prisoners held by
the civil and military authorities. He
says the recent decision made by Judge
Jones in the former habeas corpus
cases stated plainly that the question
of bail was not entered into, but that
the manner in which the arrests are held
are regarded by the judges as regular.
State officers will vigorously resist
the new habeas corpus proceedings. They
contend that they are not ready to
adduce their evidence at this time.

NIGHT RIDERS DENOUNCED

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., November 8.—
A special to the Gazette from Pocahon-
tas, Ark., says:

A letter found in the yard of County
Judge S. M. White here, which threat-
ens not only personal vengeance to
some of the citizens, but also threatens
to destroy the entire town unless cer-
tain orders contained in the letter are
obeyed, has prompted the Randolph
County Fair board in session here, to
adopt resolutions strongly denounc-
ing night riding.

STUDENT SHOTS TWO

Kills One and Severely Wounds An-
other—Grew Out of Election.

ANNISTON, Ala., November 8.—In
a fight at Edwardsville last night,
James Vaughan, a college student, shot
and instantly killed Jackson Barker
and wounded Edward Jones and Bart
McCormick. Jones' wound may make
amputation of the right arm neces-
sary. McCormick suffered only a slight
flesh wound. Barker was shot through
the heart three times.

Immediately after the shooting
Vaughan was placed on a train and
brought to Anniston, where he was
placed in jail for safekeeping. Feel-
ing was high in Edwardsville, and it
was thought that an effort might be
made to lynch Vaughan should he be
placed in the Hotel. The fight grew
out of a difficulty over a negro
boy, which resulted in the destruction
of the calaboose by friends of Barker,
who were arrested by Vaughan, a spe-
cial deputy.

WORK OF THUGS

Four People Badly Assaulted and
Held in Chattanooga.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., November
8.—During last night four persons who
had been assaulted by thugs were
bound and incarcerated in the streets of
this city. One of the victims, a negro,
died soon after being found. B. L.
Owens, a white farmer, was picked up
on Pine Street with his head cut open.
When he regained consciousness he
said that a negro had struck him and
robbed him of \$40. An unknown young
white man, well dressed, was picked
up on Whiteside Street, and up to a
late hour had not regained conscious-
ness. The last victim was a negro
woman, who was found with a ghastly
cut in the centre of her forehead.

DARING ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE

Bengali Snaps Pistol Twice
at the Lieutenant-Gov-
ernor of Bengal.

THOUGHT THAT MAN HAD FRIENDS READY

When Cartridges Failed to Ex-
plode the Maharajah Threw the
Official Away from Danger
and an American Over-
came the Would-Be
Assassin.

ALCUTTA, November 8.—A dar-
ing attempt was made last
evening by a Bengali
to assassinate Sir Andrew Hen-
derson Leith Fraser, the lieuten-
ant-governor of Bengal, but like
three other attempts on his life since
1903, proved unsuccessful. Sir Andrew
escaping without any injury whatever.

The Lieutenant-Governor, accom-
panied by the Maharajah of Burdwan,
an important division of Bengal, and
Secretary Barber, of the Young Men's
Christian Association, attended the lec-
ture given by Professor E. D. Burton,
of Chicago University, at the Town
Hall, which was filled to overflowing
with an audience that included many
of the most prominent residents.

Snapped His Pistol.
Just as the Lieutenant-Governor
stepped upon the dais, a young man,
who afterwards gave the name of
Nohodbury, rushed up and thrust a
revolver within a few inches of Sir
Andrew's body and pulled the trigger
twice. But the cartridges missed fire,
and Mr. Barber, who is an American,
flung himself upon the Bengali. The
latter struck savagely at the secre-
tary with his revolver and wounded
him severely on the head, but was
eventually overpowered.

Mrs. Nohodbury, a man of
great stature and strength, seized Lieuten-
ant-Governor Fraser and swung
him bodily through a door out of
harm's way. A group of Bengalis oc-
cupying the front chairs jumped quick-
ly to their feet and rushed out of the
hall. They escaped during the com-
motion, which the attempted assas-
sination aroused. It is believed that
they were there in order to assist Nohod-
bury, but took alarm at his complete
failure to carry out his plan.

Struck While Sleeping.
The three men, when they gained
entrance to the house, went immedi-
ately to a bedroom on the second floor,
occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. One
of the burglars struck Mr. Taylor, a
crushing blow on the head with a black
jack as he lay asleep. The blow
stunned the sleeper, and a few minutes
later, when Mr. Taylor recovered his
senses, he found three revolvers
levelled at his head.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were made
to sit up in bed and two of the burglars
held them covered, while a third began
a search of the room. The noise
awakened Alice Taylor, the fifteen-
year-old daughter of the granite
dealer, and she came into the room
crying. The burglars ordered her
into the bed with her parents, and the
child obeyed. A moment later Charles
Taylor, aged eight, and Harold, aged
twelve, came into the room, having
been awakened by the noise. They were
made to sit on the side of the bed.

The burglar who was ransacking the
room found a jewel case with two
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was about to take them when Mr.
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the family spoke up: "Don't take those
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Would Have Cut Off Finger.
The rings were left, but two toy
knives belonging to Charles and
Harold, the Taylor boys, were broken
and rifled of \$11. The boys cried and
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I believe that the next Congress
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I believe thoroughly that the re-
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WEATHER.
Fair.

BURGGLARS MAKE VERY RICH HAUL

Get Away With \$10,000
Worth of Jewelry and
Silverware.

HELD UP AN ENTIRE FAMILY WITH PISTOL

Used Blackjack on Sleeping Man,
Who Recovers to Find Him-
self and Family Covered.
Would Cut Off Fin-
ger for \$500
Ring.

NEW YORK, November 8.—With
a piercing ray of a burglar's
dark lantern shining in their
eyes and two revolvers held
by masked men, covering them,
the five members of the family of
Charles E. Taylor, a wealthy granite
dealer, lay in bed in the Taylor
home at Borough Park, Brooklyn, for
more than an hour this morning, while
a third masked burglar packed up
\$10,000 worth of jewelry and silver-
ware. The three burglars bound Mr.
Taylor hand and foot, and escaped
with their booty.

The robbers apparently spent many
days planning the burglary. Mr. Tay-
lor, who has a number of rich granite
quarries in New England, is known
as a crack shot, being a member of
the New York State Rifle Association,
and having been a contestant, it is
said, in the recent Olympic pistol tour-
nament at Bisleigh, England. It is be-
lieved that the burglars knew this, and
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MONSTER WAR DOG LAUNCHED TUESDAY

Greatest Fighting Machine
Afloat Goes Overboard
at Quincy.

MORE FORMIDABLE THAN DREADNOUGHT

Governor of North Dakota and
Delegation to Witness Launch-
ing of State's Namesake at
Quincy, Mass.—Miss
Benton to Be
Sponsor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November
8.—A large delegation of
prominent naval officers left
here to-day for Quincy,
Mass., to attend the launch-
ing of the North Dakota, the biggest
battleship in the United States Navy,
which will be sent down the ways and
christened Tuesday next at Quincy,
Mass., in elaborate ceremonies.

The launching probably will be the
most notable of its kind ever held in
this country, marking as it does an
epoch in battleship construction of the
world. The Governor of North Dakota,
with a delegation from that State, will
attend, as will also officials of the
State of Massachusetts. Miss Mary
Benton, a charming young lady of
Fargo, has been selected to christen
the ship. She is the daughter of Col-
onel John D. Benton, who has for years
been prominent in Democratic politics
in that State.

Monster War Dog.
The monster war dog is more for-
midable in size than any of the other
famed battleships of the navy, while
it is conceded to be more powerful as
an engine of war. She will carry ten
12-inch guns, as compared to four on
the Louisiana and Connecticut. All
ten of the guns can be fired broadside,
making a total of twelve. Others men-
tioned as probable candidates are John
E. Lamb, of Terre Haute, who was in
charge of the Democratic national
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HE PREFERS DEATH
Patrick Will Argue Against the Com-
mutation of His Sentence.

NEW YORK, November 8.—To argue
before the United States Supreme Court
a motion to advance the appeal of
Patrick, convicted of the murder of William
Marvin Rice, in this city eight years
ago, William L. McDonald, attorney
for Patrick, left to-night for Wash-
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to the electric chair was changed to
imprisonment for life. Patrick made
the point that life imprisonment was a
much less severe punishment than that which
condemned him to die.

BIRMINGHAM TRAGEDIES
Twelve Men Have Met Death Within
Past Eight Days.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., November 8.—
With the killing to-night of John
Henry Adams, a negro, by Policeman
Smith, twelve men have met death in
Birmingham by pistols within the past
eight days. In addition to the quad-
ruple tragedy last night, a number of
other violent affairs have been re-
ported in the city and suburbs to-day.

Joe Reed was shot and killed through
a window in a dance hall last night
just after he had finished dancing
with another man's partner. Edward
Clair was held up by an unknown
highwayman in Bessemer late last
night, and when he attempted to run
the highwayman fired upon him, in-
flicting a dangerous wound. Sam Un-
sen, a Bulgarian, was found dead in
a pool of blood at his home, in Ensley,
this morning. Louis Smith was shot
in jail at Ensley to-day for hitting an-
other man in the head with a rock
and robbing him late Saturday night.

SEVEN TO THREE
Those Are the Odds on the Duke's
Marriage to Miss Elkins.

TURIN, November 8.—The Duke of
the Abruzzi in conversation to-night
jokingly said that he would not go to
the United States for a cruise on the
battleship Regina Elena, which, there-
fore, would not be under his command
on her voyage. This confirms the of-
ficial statement that the duke will not
again take command until after his
promotion as rear-admiral.

One of the duke's intimate friends
said that even chances out of which
were favorable to the marriage of the
duke to Miss Elkins, but there were
three still against it.

TWO MORE DEATHS AS
RESULT OF THE RAID
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., November 8.—
J. W. Harris and little fifteen-months-
old daughter, who were injured in the
fusillade of shots which followed the
raid of officers upon an alleged "blind
tiger" last night, died before receiving
medical attention. Mrs. Harris is
prostrated, and may not recover. Of-
ficer Little's funeral was held to-day.
Officer Jones is still being held, pend-
ing investigation.

ALL IN ACCORD

Republican Leaders Favor Tariff Re-
vision, but Look Out for Protection.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 8.—
With the first hearing on the proposed
revision of the tariff, scheduled for
next Tuesday, the active work of the
Committee on Finance of the House
of Representatives will begin in
Washington. The hearings will be
completed before the Sixtieth Congress
convenes for its last session, but the
program for the revision does not pro-
vide for the presentation of the sub-
ject to Congress until the Sixty-first
Congress is convened next March in
special session.

It is understood that the majority
of the members of the committee,
Judge Taft, Speaker Cannon and Sen-
ator Aldrich, chairmen of the Finance
Committee, are all in accord on the
general policy of protection to be fol-
lowed in the revision of the tariff.
Judge Taft, in his speech accepting the
Republican nomination for President,
outlined this policy in the following
words:

"The Republican doctrine of pro-
tection, as definitely announced by the
Republican convention of this year, and
by previous conventions, is that a tariff
shall be imposed on all imported prod-
ucts, whether of the factory, farm or
mine, sufficiently great to equal the
difference between the cost of pro-
duction abroad and at home, and that
this difference should, of course, in-
clude the difference between the
higher wages paid in this country and
the wages paid abroad and embrace a
reasonable profit to the American pro-
ducer."

In accordance with the campaign
pledges of the Republican party, it is
understood that President Taft will call
together the new Congress in special
session immediately after his inaugu-
ration and in his proclamation will re-
peat his previously expressed views on
the tariff question.

The hearings will begin with the
consideration of schedule A, chemicals,
oils and paints.

KERN FOR SENATE
Defeated Vice-Presidential Candidate
Says That Is His Present Ambition.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 8.—
John W. Kern, defeated candidate for
Vice-President, announced to-night that
he is a candidate for United States
Senator to succeed James C. Hemenway.
The incoming Indiana Legislature will
be Democratic on joint ballot this year.
A majority of twelve. Others men-
tioned as probable candidates are John
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imprisonment for life. Patrick made
the point that life imprisonment was a
much less severe punishment than that which
condemned him to die.

BIRMINGHAM TRAGEDIES
Twelve Men Have Met Death Within
Past Eight Days.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., November 8.—
With the killing to-night of John
Henry Adams, a negro, by Policeman
Smith, twelve men have met death in
Birmingham by pistols within the past
eight days. In addition to the quad-
ruple tragedy last night, a number of
other violent affairs have been re-
ported in the city and suburbs to-day.

Joe Reed was shot and killed through
a window in a dance hall last night
just after he had finished dancing
with another man's partner. Edward
Clair was held up by an unknown
highwayman in Bessemer late last
night, and when he attempted to run
the highwayman fired upon him, in-
flicting a dangerous wound. Sam Un-
sen, a Bulgarian, was found dead in
a pool of blood at his home, in Ensley,
this morning. Louis Smith was shot
in jail at Ensley to-day for hitting an-
other man in the head with a rock
and robbing him late Saturday night.

SEVEN TO THREE
Those Are the Odds on the Duke's
Marriage to Miss Elkins.

TURIN, November 8.—The Duke of
the Abruzzi in conversation to-night
jokingly said that he would not go to
the United States for a cruise on the
battleship Regina Elena, which, there-